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New Arrangements for the Kootenay System—Bonusses for Meritorious Service.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—(Special)—Some important changes are announced in connection with the C. P. R. engineering staff, including the following promotions: Chief Engineer R. T. Tye to be chief engineer of construction over the Canadian Pacific entire system; Assistant Engineer J. R. Sullivan to be chief engineer over the Columbia & Western railway's completed lines; Engineer P. J. Dennis to be engineer in charge of the maintenance of the entire system.

Chief Engineer Tye, in recognition of his own and staff assistants' ability in pushing through the Midland extension to a completion in the course of two years, has been rewarded with a bonus of \$5,000; Engineer Sullivan has been awarded \$1,000, and the divisional engineers will each receive \$500.

Capt. Troup, late superintendent of navigation in British Columbia, has been appointed superintendent of the branch system in Kootenay. Henry B. Bensley, who lately occupied the latter position, has been promoted to President Shaugnessy's office in Montreal.

Shooting in Tacoma

Ed Boyce With Borrowed Revolver Goes From Victoria to Kill His Wife.

Was a Member of the Theatre Orchestra and Well Known to Musicians.

Letters of Complaint by His Wife Enraged the "Queer" Musician.

Special to the Colonist.

Tacoma, Feb. 10.—Ed. L. Boyce shot Louisa Boyce, his wife, early this evening. The woman had been employed several weeks as cashier in the Domestic bakery. During that time Boyce has been on a spree in Seattle and Victoria. Two weeks ago Mrs. Boyce refused to support him, claiming that as she was in a delicate condition she could do no more than support herself. Boyce got mad and left her after selling his trombone to a local musician for \$20. This money was spent on his Seattle spree. To-day he returned with the deliberate intention of killing his wife. She screamed when she saw him enter, for he had threatened to kill her. He pulled out a Colt's 32-calibre revolver and fired five shots. Four of them took effect. Mrs. Boyce was shot in the breast and stomach, and both arms were broken. One lung was pierced. She was removed to the hospital and to-night is dying. Boyce claims he reached San Francisco in October from Manila. He met Mrs. Boyce there and they were married. He claims she was previously married to Louis Boudinet, a Frenchman, to whom she bore two children. They came to Seattle, and when their funds were gone went over to Tacoma looking for work. A letter written by Mrs. Boyce to him at Victoria throws much light on their relations. She says they quarrelled when she refused to work and support him. She told him that if he still desired to shoot her he could do so, but to remember he would be killing two, for in seven months she would become the mother of his child. Despite the shameful way in which he talked about her, she was earning an honest living and was respected by those about her. She begged him to behave himself, and informed him she had written to the wives of men in Victoria and Nanaimo, telling them that their husbands in company with Boyce were visiting bad houses. This letter was addressed to Boyce at the Commercial hotel, Victoria. On February 3 she wrote to Manchester Finn, of Victoria, stating that she was doing honest work and that her husband's cruel talk about her was breaking her heart. Her husband was playing over the Trilby saloon. She asked Finn to tell him he ought to think better of his wife. Finn apparently gave this letter to Boyce. It enraged him and was one cause of his coming here to-day. Boyce is in jail.

While Boyce's friends in Victoria knew that he had had trouble with his wife, and that before leaving here yesterday morning he had borrowed a revolver, they were hardly prepared for the news that he had shot her. The couple lived here for a while last fall, Boyce being a member of the Victoria orchestra, in which he played the trombone. They resided with a family on Pandora avenue. Not being satisfied with his employment here, Boyce left after a short stay, going with his wife to Tacoma. He returned about ten days ago and again became a member of the orchestra, but was on a spree most of the time and missed his engagements. When asked why he had returned to Victoria, Boyce said he had broken with his wife, and seemed quite contented over it. No long after his arrival, however, a number of letters were received by local musicians from Mrs. Boyce, in which she rated her husband for ill-treating her, and asked to be informed whether he was here. Not wishing to be mixed up in the troubles of the couple, the orchestra members handed the notes to Boyce. He seemed angry, but was not greatly excited. At the Native Sons' hall he was a member of the orchestra and apparently was not much worried. Yesterday morning, however, he borrowed some money from Al Britton, saying that he wished to go to Tacoma to get his horn out of pawn. From Walter North, who did not know he was going, he borrowed a revolver. Boyce was a splendid musician; in fact he had the reputation of being one of the best cornetists on the Coast, but persistently refused offers of remunerative engagements. He was considered "queer" by those who knew him best.

A QUARRELSOME PRELATE.

Confronted with Deposition for Repeated Difficulties with French Government.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The Archbishop of Aix, Mgr. Gauthier-Soulard, whose stipend was suspended owing to the letter of excommunication which he wrote the Assumptionist fathers on their conviction on the charge of conspiring against the republic, seems determined to get into the ring. He has not written the Assumptionist organ La Croix a long epistle vigorously denouncing the government's action. "The violator of my country's laws," he says, "is not I, but Waldeck-Rousseau (the prime minister) by accepting an allowance which is a debt recognized by the concordat." He proceeds to characterize Waldeck-Rousseau's assertions as impudent lies and gross insult. Gauthier-Soulard has several times been in difficulties with French ministers. As a result of an incident which occurred at Rome during the pilgrimage of French workmen, headed by Gauthier-Soulard, the latter was fined 2,000 francs and later had his allowance suspended for interfering in electoral matters. The government is now urged to deny him altogether.

THE BOER BULLETIN.

Confession of Twenty-six Killed Indicates Heavy Losses in Recent Fighting.

Boer Head Langer, Ladysmith, Feb. 9.—(Friday)—It is reported from the Upper Tugela that in yesterday's fight while driving the British across the river, the Boers had four men killed and eight wounded. On retaking the kopje 22 Boers were found killed.

The alarm was given at midnight that the Ladysmith troops were trying to force a passage in the direction of the Free State laager. Heavy firing was heard, but no particulars have been received.

LORD CECIL'S ENTERPRISE.

Procured for Making the Supplies Making Present Defence Possible.

London, Feb. 10.—Lord Salisbury's son, Lord Edward Cecil, is responsible for making being so well provisioned. At the outbreak of the war he learned the amount of army stores about to be sent to Mafeking, and on his own initiative pledged his private means and has these stores quadrupled. He is now in Mafeking and one of its boldest defenders.

Armed Alliance With Portugal

Ripe for Announcement and a Factor to Hasten Close of War.

British May Then Close Boer Back Door Without Consulting Powers.

London, Feb. 10.—There exists to-day what practically amounts to a defensive and offensive alliance between Great Britain and Portugal. For the past week and longer there has been circulating throughout the English press, irrespective of party lines, a nervous apprehension of European opposition, and a still more nervous apprehension of the fact that Great Britain at the present moment is unable to face it with honor to herself.

Constant editorials in the most sensational papers have almost developed this phase into a national nightmare. In the first place much of the press clamor for a tremendous army in order to meet unforeseen emergencies is originally inspired with a view to compelling parliament to pass quickly any financial measure proposed by the government and make the same popular with the people, who through additional taxation may be called upon to add their mites towards the stupendous plans now pending to place the British Empire upon a military eminence so supreme as to be beyond fear of opposition.

Russia's activity in China and Persia, and French and German antagonisms, are freely paraded before the nation as an incentive to be up and arming, even if it means the point of putting into operation the Militia Ballot Act, which is almost synonymous with conscription. Yet accounts of anti-British activity all the world over, as dishied up for British readers, are not causing the foreign office any serious anxiety, and they do not include the real reason for the tremendous military activity, which is a determination to convince Portugal that it is advisable to concede Great Britain's demands regarding ports essential for carrying on the Boer war, namely Delagoa Bay and Beira, and at the same time, having secured Portugal's assent to every proposition made, to be in a position to command her support against united European opposition.

No word of this is hinted at here, but the Associated Press learns that pressure is being brought to bear on Portugal by Continental powers to prevent her from giving aid to the British. Portugal's minister here, Senor Pinto de Soveral, is almost as much an Englishman as Portuguese. He is only too willing to do everything, far beyond the bounds of neutrality, to help Great Britain and protect Portugal. Lord Salisbury is determined that this shall be done and is counting on the co-operation of his countrymen to put the nation on a footing to defy European opposition. He has this week taken definite measures regarding the aforementioned ports that can only be described as daring. Portugal, bending to the medium of coercion and convinced that Great Britain is able to uphold her, has acquiesced until there practically exists to-day an alliance of the strongest fibre between Great Britain and Portugal.

Yet, for reasons of diplomacy, nothing could be more quickly officially denied in London or Lisbon. It is scarcely necessary to say that the former news is gleaned from highest sources and is based on unimpeachable authority.

Why Buller Drew Back

Balloonists Located an Artillery Plant Set for His Advance.

Conviction That His Attack Was Not to Be Pressed at Great Cost.

Roberts Preparing to Strike Boer Centre While Others Hold the Wings.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 11, 4:20 a.m.—The war office still maintains silence regarding the situation at the seat of war, announcing at 11:30 last evening that no further news had been received and none has come from other sources which would give a clue to General Buller's movements since he re-crossed the Tugela or to the present positions of the forces.

A NEW EXPLANATION.

A special despatch from Springfield Bridge under date of Friday, February 9, gives a new explanation of General Buller's retirement. According to this despatch a balloonist on Wednesday discovered the fact that the Boers have developed extraordinary and unexpected artillery strength on Doorn Kloof, to the British right, where they had managed to draw up a dozen heavy guns, some fitted with disappearing mounting, and all cunningly masked. These, but for the balloonist, never would have been discovered in time to save the British from falling into the deadly trap, as they commanded the road the British would have to take in order to reach the main work. These guns rendered the actual positions of the British untenable and further advance impossible except at the cost of a terrible and useless loss of life.

BULLER'S SAFE TACTICS.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, the military expert, reviewing the South African situation for the Associated Press at midnight says: "Lord Roberts has now taken hold of the campaign. His strategy, evidently is to act in the western theatre of war with energy enough to move the centre of gravity thither. General Buller's move must, therefore, be considered in its place in the general scheme. The idea seems to be that if General Buller cannot skin the bear himself, he can hold its leg while some one else does. Accordingly, General Buller is not risking his army, but, short of that, is to give the Boers as much to do in Natal as he can. His aim is to draw the Boers' strength away from the push that marks a man resolved to win or be broken. In any case it is no easy task to cross a river and to pierce the front of any army posted beyond it. Modern weapons favor an attack which envelops a flank, but not an attack which tries to break the centre of an army.

ROBERTS' MAGNETIC PRESENCE.

The new plan involves prompt and successful operations against the Free State forces in the west—a series of crushing blows. Any failure in their execution would tighten the hold on Ladysmith which neither the Boers nor the British would want. The Boers would make the Boer let go. But Lord Roberts is a strong man with a big heart, a resolute will and a clear head. His presence with a British army has a magnetic effect, and in other he rears his head, he will make the Boers move. He has reinforced Methuen with a cavalry brigade and more artillery and he is probably an infantry division to follow.

IMPROBABLE SPECULATION.

A telegram received this evening from Lorenzo Marques speaks of a sortie from Ladysmith on the night of Thursday to Friday. Such an attempt of General White to cut his way out was probable and may succeed, although the nature of modern weapons is against him and there would be heavy loss and many stragglers would be captured. The likelihood of General White trying to fight his way out would explain the silence of the war office. It would also explain the demonstration from Chieveley.

DETAINED AT BELMONT.

Canadians Ordered to Graspman Find the Programme Unexpectedly Changed.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Frederick Hamilton, the Globe's war correspondent, cabling from Belmont says: "The Canadians, who were to have left here four days ago under orders to proceed to the front to Graspman, have been unexpectedly detained at Belmont."

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RAIL TO THE NORTH.

A movement is on foot to interest the public in the construction of a railway to the north end of Vancouver Island, and a meeting is called to be held at the city hall on Friday next for this purpose. No proposal has been before the people in recent years that has met with more favor than this. Every one is for it heart and soul. The great thing now to be done is to crystallize the enthusiasm into action and devise some means whereby the Province and the Dominion can be induced to give the undertaking the assistance necessary to make it a success.

No doubt there will be a large attendance at the meeting, and the larger the better. We must try as a city to make our influence felt, and we can only do this by showing ourselves to be in earnest. We must enlist the support of other communities, and this we can only do by taking vigorous steps ourselves.

We shall not repeat what has been said in the Colonist hitherto in reference to this project, nor anticipate what the speakers at the public meeting may say; but content ourselves for the present with urging that there shall be a large gathering of citizens to consider this extremely important question.

IF THE BOERS COULD WIN.

What would it mean if the Boers could win in the war now progressing in South Africa? This is a question about which very little has been said, but it is one well worth considering. We know what will happen when the British win. Life, liberty and property will be safe. There will be no distinction before the law between men of any color, race or nationality. The black man, his wife and children, who have scarcely emerged from barbarism, will have equal protection from the law with the most cultured immigrant from Europe or America. But what would happen if the Boers could win? Dr. Moffat, brother-in-law of the great Dr. Livingstone, quoted one of the South African aborigines as saying: "If the English win, we black men can breathe and live; if the Boers win, we may as well die, for we shall be no more looked upon as men, but as cattle. So we shall go home and pray to God to make the arms of the English strong." The writings of Dr. Livingstone abound in proof that this is the attitude of the Boers towards the native population, and Dr. Livingstone was no bigot seeking to decry an alien race, but a broad-minded, charitable Christian gentleman.

If the Boers could win, white Uitlander and black native would alike be slaves to their narrow and prejudiced rule. If the Boers could win, one of the fairest and richest portions of the earth's surface would be given over to the control of men, who represent in their ideas of government and social economy the worst features of the Middle Ages. If the Boers could win, slavery, though perhaps under another name, would be established over all South Africa. If the Boers could win, all that has been done under British supremacy to develop in that portion of the world a high Christian civilization would be blotted out.

A BUDDHIST MISSION.

A Buddhist mission is actively at work in San Francisco, and there is also one in New York. The chief work of the organization in the first named city is to instruct the young Japanese in the principles of the cult in order that they may not grow up irreligious. In New York a little work may be done along the same line, but a certain element of society has taken the mission up as a fad, and the public are being treated to divers and several dissertations upon the superiority of the Buddhist cult over all systems that we Occidentals have hitherto known anything about. Applying to the doctrine of the great Eastern teacher the test found satisfactory in other things and judging it by its fruits, Buddhism must be pronounced as immensely inferior to Christianity as a developing force in humanity. We need not hesitate to admit that among the teaching of the Götama there is much that is equal to the best ethics of Christianity. This is equally true of all the great religious systems; but, notwithstanding this, while Buddhism has undoubtedly produced many men of the highest possible standard of intellectual greatness and personal purity, it has failed utterly to elevate the tone of the masses of the people. On the contrary the uneducated classes have sunk under its influence to an extremely low level. Buddhism abounds in much that is beautiful, much that is true, much that is honorable, much that may operate to elevate the soul; but it is singularly deficient in vitality, in anything calculated to energize and strengthen the individual. It makes Karma, which is an inflexible fatality, the governing principle of life, and Nirvana, or the extinction of the individual, the ultimate end of existence. To a mind accustomed to the refinements of philosophy such teachings may be reconciled with the duty of men to improve themselves mentally, morally and in every other way; but few persons are equal to its application in this respect, and they sink down under its incompre-

hensible mystery into a mental and moral lethargy.

Christianity, on the other hand, is a religion which expressly appeals to the individual. It teaches eternal individual existence. Different teachers may disagree as to whether this immortality is inherent in the individual or is to be acquired by living in accordance with the laws of the Creator; but the immortality of the individual is the ruling idea in the Christian religion. This acts as a constant spur to progress. It is what distinguishes the pushing Caucasian from the passive Oriental. So ingrained is this sense of individuality in those who are merely nominally Christians, that it would probably be absolutely impossible to make a true Buddhist out of an adult Canadian. He simply would be unable to bring himself to the actual acceptance of Buddhist ideas. He might assent with his intelligence to the doctrines as laid down by his teachers; he might call himself a Buddhist; but he would never be a Buddhist; he might formally renounce Christianity; but he would never be a Buddhist in the sense that a Hindoo, or a Thibetan or a Japanese is. Beneath the veneer of Oriental faith would be found the native wood of Christianity. This is the unquenchable sense of individuality, which would refuse, in spite of its utmost efforts, to surrender itself to Karma or be satisfied with Nirvana. The question of what is absolutely right or wrong in the abstract has nothing to do with the matter. To discover what is absolutely right or wrong in matters of intellectual belief is past our knowledge.

We are not now speaking of the special claim made by Christianity that it is its own witness as to its truth. This is quite outside the scope of philosophy. It is a fact which each person must ascertain for himself. No man can hope to prove that another has not the indwelling sense of having been born again. Therefore, the personal witness of the truth of the Christian faith must be left aside altogether, and the claims made by the Buddhist missionaries and their American devotees must be looked at from the intellectual aspect of the case entirely, and it is from this point of view that we regard them when we say that, grand as are the teachings of "The Blessed One," they can never replace those of Jesus of Nazareth as an agent for the betterment of humanity.

WHAT WILL HE DO ABOUT IT?

Three acts in a screaming farce called Responsible Government have been placed upon the boards in the Stone Structure on the south side of James Bay. We give a brief synopsis:

Act I—The legislature having opened, the ministers declare their policy to be the amendment of the law excluding aliens from our placers, so as to permit them to purchase placers but not to locate them.

Act II—The ministers bring down a memorandum from the Lieutenant-Governor, in which he expresses his strong approval of the exclusion of aliens from our placers.

Act III—The ministers introduce a bill repealing the law excluding aliens from our placers.

The fourth act is awaited with some interest, and the question is: What will the Lieutenant-Governor do about it?

"From my observations made on the spot I entirely approve of the exclusion of aliens from our placers," says the Lieutenant-Governor.

"Do you?" replied his ministers. "Well, we'll show you and every one else what you amount to in the body politic. Here's a bill repealing the law of whose operation you so heartily approve. Now, what are you going to do about it?"

And the question is: What will he do about it?

"That's a very fine letter you wrote, Lieutenant-Governor McEwen," observe his ministers. "Now, let us see you cut it." And the question is: What will he do about it?

"You approve of the exclusion of aliens from our placers, do you? Well, we are going to pass a bill to admit them, and we will have you understand that you've got to give your assent to it, whether you like it or not." And the question is: What will he do about it?

Is it not about time that some one, having authority to do so, brought order out of the political chaos now prevailing in the province?

Mr. Cotton has given notice of a bill to provide among other things for councils of conciliation and arbitration. Until we have seen the measure it would be unwise to criticize it; but if it is like most legislation of this kind, its character will be demagogic and calculated to keep capital out of the country.

We are inclined to think that a good deal of sympathy was wasted upon D. W. Semple, who came down from Dawson with a story about his having been badly treated by Judge Dugan. Semple is now in Seattle, and he has given the Times of that city a story in which he charges Canadian officials with stealing a dead woman's estate. We do not believe the story and refuse to credit any story, no matter from whom it emanates, that Canadian officials cannot be entrusted with the property of a deceased person, unless it is backed up by proof. Semple's word proves nothing in a matter of this kind.

The Times said on Friday that it cannot see why the Lieutenant-Governor

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may not personally communicate his views to the legislature. The reason is that the very nature of our institutions forbids it. His Honor may do nothing except through his responsible ministers. And through these ministers he has sent down a bill to repeal the alien exclusion law, while he himself informs the legislature that the law ought to stand. Probably the Times will not admit the inconsistency of these positions, but we have long ago given up expecting our contemporary to appreciate or understand the nature of the institutions of the country in which it is published. The Times suggests that the Lieutenant-Governor may have changed his mind since his memorandum was written. Then it should not have been brought down.

Letters to The Editor

THE COST OF EDUCATION.

Sir,—Probably on a little further consideration Mr. Musgrave has already seen that there is really no difficulty in understanding how Ontario "spends more than half a million more than her whole revenue on education." Out of a provincial revenue of over three millions about three-quarters of a million is distributed among the various municipalities as a subsidy to the maintenance of their schools; the remainder of the revenue, which the schools cost is raised by the municipalities from the sources of local revenue at their disposal.

In his first communication, reference was made to what in his last Mr. Musgrave terms "the state education rate," to the cost of the Victoria schools and to the cost of the provincial system. Whether state education would be compatible with an ideal political economy or not it is a principle embodied in the political system of nearly, if not quite, every civilized country of the globe, and it is fair to assume that under existing social conditions no other method of popular education is practicable. At any rate, one would surely have difficulty in finding a place of residence where, as a property holder, one would not have to contribute to the support of the public school. But the question is always pertinent to the public interest whether or not the schools supported by the public for the public are conducted with due regard for both economy and efficiency; and so, neither Mr. Musgrave nor I need apologize for discussing it in the public press as regards either the city of Victoria or the province at large.

The rate of taxation in the city for schools is two mills—less than one mill of the whole amount levied on real property. This, to communities of the older province, would seem a low rate, accustomed as they are to paying three, four, five or more. Undoubtedly the property holders of Victoria do have to pay a pretty stiff tax, but the schools are not responsible. Taxation bears as heavily as it does upon real estate, not because too much money is spent on education, nor indeed in the maintenance of any of the civic institutions—but because remunerative revenues that elsewhere are collected by the municipality—notably the income tax and personal property tax—are here appropriated by the provincial government. Last year the realty tax realized nearly \$250,000, while the combined receipts from all the other forms of taxation amounted to scarcely one-fourth of that amount. It is at this point, it seems to me, the land owner should seek relief rather than in a reduction of the rates levied on the expenditure on the public schools. My contention is, in a word, that neither absolutely, nor in comparison with other parts of Canada, is the school expenditure in this city unduly large, and moreover, that it is very largely within the amount necessary to provide adequate accommodation and efficient equipment.

That the cost of education looms up so large in the provincial expenditures is due, as is very well known, to the fact that the outside of the four cities all the schools are wholly supported by the government, instead of as in other provinces, where every district, whether rural or urban, contributes more or less to the support of its own school, the amount being raised by special local taxation for that purpose. Whether the rates levied on the property in British Columbia is the best under existing conditions may be open to question. At any rate, it can hardly fail to be somewhat more expensive than that which requires of each competent community a measure of local self-support for its own schools. It is interesting to note, in this connection, that the school bill now before the house, while seemingly it declares for the application of the principle of local self-support to twelve communities outside of the four cities already mentioned, really provides a grant so liberal that, as the schools are at present, a saving to the provincial treasury of less than \$600 will be effected.

In any case, however, the administration of the provincial system of education is to be censured, for the amount of public money expended, but for its failure to make any provision for the training of teachers, without which no system can be efficient and render full value to the public for the expenditure incurred. But that is another story.

FRANK H. EATON.

Victoria, Feb. 10.

OMINECA WAGON ROAD.

Sir,—Will you kindly correct the article which appeared in yesterday's issue to the effect that the amount of land asked as compensation for the building of the wagon road from Kilmait to Hazelton by the K. & C. Co. was 30,000 acres per mile, it being only 250 acres per mile, or 30,000 acres in all. The importance of this road has been dealt with in your paper before, but its advantages as a means of reaching the Omineca country are not to be over-estimated by the merchants of the Coast cities. For the amount of public money expended, but for its failure to make any provision for the training of teachers, without which no system can be efficient and render full value to the public for the expenditure incurred. But that is another story.

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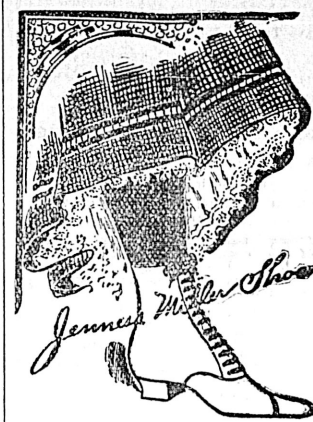
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What of the dates to-night?
In yonder gray old hall what fires are glowing,
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I saw an old man stand;
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O, winds of twilight, was there no word uttered,
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"A great fight and a good death," he muttered,
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WAR NOTES.

Why did Kruger leave his wife? To put his arms round Lady Smith!

The deaf and dumb of St. Saviour's, London, are giving an hour of their club night to do work for our soldiers.

The proprietors of the Grand Hotel Arenzano, near Genoa, wish to place six rooms, free of cost, at the disposal of wounded British officers.

Two thousand girls employed in the thread mills of Messrs. Clark & Co., Paisley, have agreed to knit socks for the soldiers. The firm supplies the wool for one pair each.

An officer writes: At Elandsdlaagte the Imperial Light Horse, who have no bayonets, joined the Gordons in the charge, and, clubbed with their rifles any Boer who dared to stand and fight on the hill top.

The Krupp works have now stopped the further turn out of shells ordered from England. It is rumored that an Italian order amounting to £2,500,000 just given to Messrs. Krupp is really destined for England.

M. Paul de Cassagnac writes in the *Autorité*: "I declare that the French hotel-keepers at Nice who show their sympathy with the English are bad Frenchmen, and no patriot should set foot within their doors. If the English need room for their convalescents let them send them to Fashoda."

A Bloemfontein paper states that ever since the battle of Magersfontein, where the Dutch lost 473 killed and over 800 wounded, the situation in the Free State has become very strained. President Steyn looks thirty years older since the beginning of the war, of which the people are now tired.



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15	96	200	354	463	541
22	149	219	357	465	553
34	162	245	361	469	559
39	171	250	380	471	563
48	174	254	402	474	566
51	177	255	416	482	582
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J. H. LAWSON, Secretary.

Countersigned,
J. KENNETH MACRAE,
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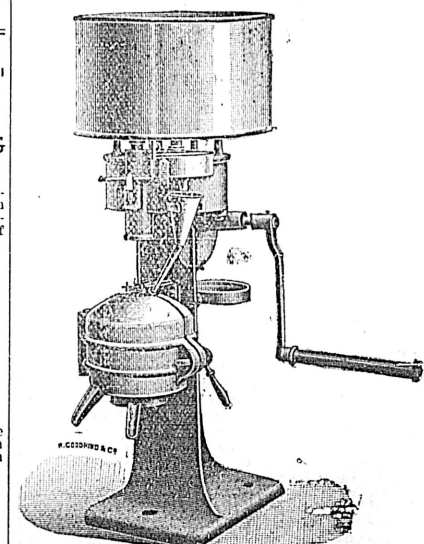
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By Mr. Napier Denison.

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Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
3:00 a.m.	9.1 feet	4:00 a.m.	9.1 feet.
7:30 a.m.	7.4 feet	8:00 a.m.	7.3 feet.
12:05 p.m.	8.2 feet.	12:00 p.m.	8.2 feet.
7:30 p.m.	2.0 feet.	8:00 p.m.	2.3 feet.

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 Mrs. Lombard will resume her music teaching January 4, at 50 Collinson street.
 Clarke & Pearson, sole agents for McAlary's Famous Stoves and Steel Ranges.

New Crew.—A new crew is on the way from England to join H.M. survey ship Egeria. The present crew will be paid off on the 25th inst.

Eagle Vertical Pen for teachers: big stock on hand. We are still, in spite of advance in prices, selling foolscap at \$1.50 per ream. Victoria Book & Stationery Co. (late Jamieson's).

Largely Attended.—There was a very large attendance yesterday at the funeral of the late Mrs. G. Winter, which took place from the residence, Fairfield road. The funeral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Rev. Canon Paddon conducted services at the residence and graveside. The pall-bearers were Messrs. R. Allen, E. H. Henley, G. Bagshaw, R. Savage, H. H. Hobbs, W. Cox, R. Green and J. W. Bolden.

In times of peace in times of war; The favorite drink is Jesse Moore.

Station Improvements.—Building Inspector Northcott was yesterday busy inspecting the city police station and old fire hall, adjoining the city hall, with a view of carrying out the improvements suggested by Chief Langley to provide better accommodation for the police. This will come up at Monday evening's meeting of the council, as well as the chief's suggestion to change the style of the uniforms of the constables.

Short lengths of Curtain Goods, Drapery Materials, Cushion Coverings, at prices to clear. Weller Bros.

Prayer Meeting.—A meeting of Christians to supplicate almighty God in view of the war in South Africa is requested at the Reformed Episcopal church on Wednesday afternoon next. In every church in this city on every Sunday, and at many a family altar daily, petitions for the armies and for the vindication of the right and for the speedy accomplishment of peace have ascended. On Wednesday afternoon to be a union in prayer of all who will come. All Christians are invited.

Your sideboard at home is incomplete if it is not stocked with Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

Needed Improvement.—At last steps are to be taken to remove the unsightly high sidewalk on Government street opposite the post office, the first ugly thing, after the James Bay mud flats, that catches the eyes of the stranger coming from the outer wharf. The step is being taken by Ald. Brydon, who will move at to-morrow evening's meeting of the council that the city engineer be instructed to lay before the council an estimate of the cost of the construction of a granite sidewalk of concrete with granite curbs, on the east side of Government street, between Courtenay and Humboldt streets, and all other information pertaining to the same, also that this work be executed under the provisions contained in clause 7 of the Permanent Sidewalks By-law. This, of course, means that the old sidewalk must go.

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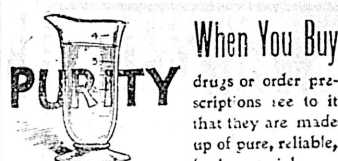
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Declared a Dividend.—The Albion Iron Works Company have declared a dividend of ten per cent. for last year.

For an enjoyable evening attend the supper and concert in Semple's hall, Victoria West, Tuesday evening, 15th. Admission, 50 cents; concert only, 25 cents. Under auspices Bible Class Methodist church.

Express Company's Gift.—The Dominion Express Company have kindly offered 500 pounds' weight of articles intended for the use of the Canadian soldiers there.

Most everyone who has whiskey for sale compares its virtue to Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey.

Public Meeting.—In answer to a petition signed by a very large number of citizens, Mayor Hayward has called a public meeting for Friday evening next, to consider the project of building a railway to the northern end of the Island, and thus open up rich districts and bring Victoria into closer touch with the northern gold fields. The petition is signed by Victoria's most influential citizens and business men, a very large amount of capital being represented.

Some excellent values in Blankets, Quilts, Table Linen, Napkins, Towels, etc. Weller Bros. are handling a superior line of these goods.

Visiting Home.—The Quebec Chronicle of February 1 says: "Mr. Fred. W. Vallee, gold commissioner, stipendiary magistrate, etc., for Peace River district, British Columbia, is visiting his native city with his bride. Mr. Vallee left Quebec some years ago, and expressed himself as much impressed with the many substantial and up-to-date improvements noticeable in old Quebec. He speaks in most enthusiastic terms of the magnificent transcontinental train service of the Canadian Pacific railway and the elegance and comfort of their passenger coaches, and above all the uniform courtesy and painstaking civility extended passengers by the employees of the company from ocean to ocean, and is surprised that more people from Quebec province do not take this trip for health and pleasure in preference to southern and tropical jaunts."

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WAR NOTES.

A special army order, issued January 17 states that pensioners enlisting for service in South Africa will be allowed to draw their pensions in addition to pay and allowances.

The demand of the Imperial government for cavalry equipments has had the effect of producing a scarcity of leather never before experienced. The price of leather has gone up within three months quite 10s (\$2.50) per hide.

The thought of both peoples (British and Arabs) may be, perhaps, best expressed by the Arabs saying, "My brother and I quarrel, but it is we against the whole world"; for all ends at least which tend to the enlightenment and uplifting of mankind.—New York Tribune.

It is stated on the authority of the Press Association that the bishops at their meeting on January 10 agreed to recommend the clergy that Septuagesima Sunday, February 11, should be generally observed as a day of special intercession for the nation and the troops in connection with the war in South Africa.

The thoughtless Americans who are shouting for the Boers and wishing their success have not the slightest comprehension of the fact that next to a defeat of the United States the greatest calamity to the United States would be the defeat of Great Britain by the Boers.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

War? We would rather peace; but, Mother, if we fight we must; There be none of your sons on whom You can lean with a surer trust; None of your bone are we, and in Death would be dust of your dust! Hobart in Tasmania's Mercury.

At the battle of Ladysmith on January 6, Lieut. Henry Jones, of the Royal Engineers, who took command and handled the men so splendidly and displayed such great personal valor that Gen. Hamilton greatly recommended him for the Victoria Cross. Unfortunately Lieut. Jones was killed towards the close of the fight. He shot three Boers, clubbed a fourth and kept the rest at bay till help arrived.

At the same battle a party of the King's Royal Rifles were surrounded and were called upon to surrender. They refused and were shot down almost to a man. A rude incident may be mentioned, that of a Gordon officer who was taken prisoner. He shamed lameness and was allowed to remain where he was captured, and finally he escaped and rejoined his regiment.

Some Italian prisoners on board the Cephalonia have petitioned to be sent to St. Helena.

Can the Boers hope to defeat the English power? If they entertain such a hope, we cannot admire them for their intelligence. It is true the great warrior Ravan several times destroyed the troops of Ram; but could he last out? A similar fate will happen to the Boers ultimately. They will all be destroyed on the battlefield. Who will then enjoy the liberty for which they have undertaken this war? If the war does not stop the whole Indian ocean will become red with human blood. The lion assumes a terrible aspect when wounded by a sportsman, and he sucks his blood by killing him. The British lion being wounded by the Boers has felt excited in a similar manner. There can be no doubt the Boers will ultimately be destroyed by this war.—Burdwan Sanjibani—Indian native newspaper.

Rough Riders From Victoria

Major Laurie Makes Some Selections Yesterday for Strathcona's Horse.

List Completed To-morrow—Send-off at Drill Hall in Evening.

All day yesterday from 9.30 a.m. Recruiting Officer Laurie, who is engaged in the task of enrolling volunteers for Strathcona's Horse, was busy with a staff of assistants at the Drill hall in selecting the complement from Victoria. It had been arranged that those chosen should depart on last evening's charmer for Vancouver en route East, but inasmuch as only ten men had passed inspection up to last evening, the departure is delayed until to-morrow evening.

Upwards of a hundred volunteers had assembled at the entrance to the Drill hall yesterday morning when Major Laurie put in an appearance. There were men from Nanaimo, Cowichan, Saanich and even Interior points, together with those who are residents of Victoria.

Seventy of those who lined up for inspection were chosen to undergo the preliminary examination. This consisted of a personal examination by Recruiting Officer Laurie, who questioned each as to his birthplace, nationality, previous occupation, and whether married or single. Only 40 of the 70 were chosen for the further tests, and these were sent to Belmont Hill to display their horsemanship. Three horses had been secured for the purpose of "trying" the volunteers and an interesting spectacle was provided by their manoeuvres. Some of the men had never been on horseback before, though the majority acquitted themselves most creditably. One of the men gave a splendid exhibition of fine horsemanship, dropping his hat on the track and picking it up while going at full speed. The morning's exhibition drew a large audience from the city.

Part of the necessary examination consists of a rifle test on horseback, but Major Laurie had not an opportunity for this yesterday. Only 25 of the 40 enlisted successfully from the horsemanship test, and were sent along for the medical examination. Here the wedding-out process continued, and about the entrance to the examining physician's quarters all afternoon were little groups of the disappointed, complaining about the rigid examination which they had had to undergo. One man was "plucked" because of a small varicose vein near the ankle. Another was "ruined down" because of crooked toes. "Joe" Matthews, who had been offered a horse by Sam Watson, was rejected when the recruiting officer learned he was a married man, though Matthews passed all examinations successfully.

Up to 6 p.m. only ten out of a total of nearly a hundred who had volunteered in the first place were accepted. They are as follows:

D. G. P. D'ARMOUR—A native of Quebec; height 5 ft., 9½ inches; ex-mountain policeman; recently from the Yukon country; 34 years of age.

G. V. N. SPENCER—A native of Victoria, 22 years of age; height 5 feet, 11 inches.

B. A. ST. GEORGE—Born in England; a resident of Cowichan; aged 28; height 5 feet, 9½ inches.

C. S. FALL—Born in England; a resident of Cowichan; height 5 feet, 8½ inches; 25 years of age.

W. H. NOURY—A native of St. Thomas, Ont.; age 23; height 5 feet, 8 inches.

H. O. FRASER—Born in India; age 30; height 5 feet, 10 inches.

W. D. FRASER—Born in England; age 28; height 5 feet, 10 inches.

W. C. WINKEL—Born in London, Eng.; age 23; height 5 feet, 8½ inches.

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H. C. HILBERS—Born in England; age 30; height 5 feet, 6½ inches.

Major Laurie last evening wired to Col. Steele asking to be instructed whether he should at once go East or wait in Victoria until Monday to secure five additional to make up the quota allotted to this city. Late last evening Col. Steele instructed Major Laurie to proceed East immediately, and he left on the boat for Vancouver this morning.

Major Laurie was somewhat disappointed with the volunteers from Nanaimo, none of them coming up to the required standard. He states that should there be any difficulty experienced in getting the full quota from Victoria, the deficiency will be made up at Eastern points, 22 not yet accepted having passed all tests at Calgary.

The report gained circulation yesterday afternoon that a farewell meeting would be held in the Drill hall in the evening, addressed by Mayor Hayward and other prominent citizens, and this attracted many to the Drill hall, but in consequence of recruiting not being completed the meeting was postponed.

Col. Gregory gives notice that there will be a battalion parade to-morrow night at 9 o'clock.

VERNON'S QUOTA.

In a telegram received last evening by Price Ellison, M.P.P., the names of those forming Vernon's contingent are given as follows: McMullen, Symm, D. C. Cameron, J. W. Murray, Smith, Bolton, Buxton, W. Brent, Strickland, Verner, E. M. Jones, Sillings, F. Ellis, Faulder, C. Nicholson, Mr. Ellison, states that all are excellent horsemen, and in every sense fitted for the work which they will have in hand in South Africa.

THE VANCOUVER MEN.

Those chosen in Vancouver were: P. F. Warren, E. F. E. Curtis, L. B. LeFroy, J. H. Hicks, E. V. Chancellor, P. V. W. Bell, P. Kerr, J. H. Mallaine, D. J. Meltre W. H. Bell, J. Gierchow.

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TEN FROM REVELSTOCK.

Revelstoke, Feb. 10.—About one of the biggest crowds that ever assembled in Revelstoke, gathered at the railway depot this morning to see away the "Lucky Ten," chosen for the Strathcona Horse. A purse of \$30 was handed to each volunteer as a gift from the citizens of Revelstoke.

EAST KOOTENAY'S QUOTA.

Fort Steele, Feb. 10.—The East Kootenay contingent of Strathcona's Horse recruited at Fort Steele, 42 strong, under command of Lieut. Parker, left for Ottawa this morning. A patriotic reception was held previous to the departure, when \$225 was received and turned over to the men as a parting gift.

NELSON MEN DEPART.

Nelson, Feb. 10.—A big banquet was tendered the fifty members of Strathcona's Horse, who left here to-night for the East. The mayor presided, and the enthusiasm was very marked. The men were accompanied to the boat by the band and hundreds of citizens. Word was received to-night that ten men will be taken from here for the B.C. contingent.

THE BOYS FROM KAMLOOPS.

Kamloops, Feb. 10.—The following are the names of those selected for Strathcona's Horse at this point. They went forward to-night in charge of Acting Corporal Harris, of Salmon Arm: H. W. Armstrong, Edgar R. Broadbent, W. T. M. Constance, Maxwell Fernie, W. L. Fernie, James C. Fisher, W. F. Graham, C. B. Harris, A. W. Johnson, Charles F. Jackson, H. W. Ingram, J. P. P. Nash, E. A. Green, W. L. Ogilby, Charles Squires, C. R. Wilson, L. Bonner, Ed. T. Hunter, P. Oldham, A. Radwell.

SNEER OF TARTES' PAPER

Answered by Patriotic Message From Secretary of Vancouver Committee.

Vancouver, Feb. 10.—The Montreal Star wired to Major Bennett, secretary of the recent patriotic meeting, asking him what he had to say regarding the statement made in La Patrie, the Tartes' newspaper, to the effect that British Columbia's agitation for 10,000 Canadian troops was the work of Tory jingoes. Major Bennett's reply was as follows:

"The meeting was of Vancouver's citizens, not the board of trade. It was thoroughly representative of all classes of the community, irrespective of political or religious creed. The resolutions were the expressions of opinion of loyal subjects of Her Majesty, who while endorsing the Dominion government's loyal aid to the Imperial authorities, did not consider that they had gone far enough. Canada has enjoyed the protection of the Union Jack for over 150 years, without costing her anything. Shall we, when the Empire is threatened and when such a glorious opportunity offers, spare our sons or wealth in upholding the old flag. Vancouver's action is endorsed from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

IT PAYS WELL.

So Says J. B. Morris With Reference to Liberal Advertising.

Mr. J. B. Morris, the representative of J. Hirsch, Sons & Co., Montreal, manufacturers of the famous "Irving" cigar, is in the city on business connected with his firm. The "Irving" has only been advertised in Victoria through the columns of the Colonist for the past six months, yet it is now one of the most popular and best known cigars on the market, which goes to prove that a good article well advertised is sure to have a generous sale. The manufacturers of the "Irving" have great faith in the virtue of printers' ink, and their general representative is confident that in a short time the "Irving" will be the cigar chiefly asked for by those who desire a satisfactory smoke at a moderate price. The attractive advertising of Hirsch, Sons & Co. is to be seen daily in these columns, and the catchy suggestions contained therein are sure to induce the smoker to try an "Irving." This is all Mr. Morris desires, for he has such faith in his firm's goods that a permanent customer is always gained once the quality of the "Irving" is tested.

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A very useful little table was recently published by the late Peter J. Leech, of Victoria, entitled:

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It was originally intended for the use of surveyors in Canada, but the results obtained from it are sufficiently accurate to be of great service to navigators in the latitudes mentioned, viz., 40 degrees to 60 degrees north, and 40 degrees to 60 degrees south.

Should the navigator prefer to determine his hour angle in the usual manner, Mr. Leech's table will prove invaluable as affording a ready check upon his work. Copies of the table may be had at the bookstores, or at the office of the Colonist Printing & Publishing Company, Victoria.

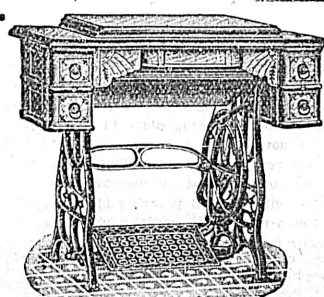
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Sermons and Song Services

Subjects to Be Discussed by Pastors of the City Churches To-day.

Order of the Musical Portions Arranged by the Choir-masters.

Bishop Perrin not having yet returned to the city, the morning sermon at Christ Church cathedral will be by Rev. Canon Beaulieu, and the evening by Rev. J. B. Bourne, R. N. The music for the day follows:

MATINS.

Voluntary—"Andante" in B flat...Gullmant Venite Psalms for the day.
Te Deum MacPherson
Benedictus Sir J. Goss
Hymns 83, 164, 222.

Voluntary—"Fantasia" in F.....Smart

VESPERS.

Voluntary—"Elevation" in E flat...Batiste
Pro-Hymn 270.
Psalm for the day.
Magnificat Robinson
Nunc Dimittis Purcell
Anthem—"I am Alpha and Omega".....

Voluntary—"Fantasia March".....Smith

The services at St. Barnabas are:

Holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; choral matins, 11; choral evensong, 7 p.m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher, and the musical portion is as follows:

MORNING.

Voluntary—"Prayer".....Lemmens
Hymns 210, 197 and 172.

Voluntary—"Postlude" in G.....Pearce

EVENING.

Voluntary—"Glory to Thee".....Gounod
Hymns 166, 228 and 25.

Voluntary—"And He Shall Purify".....Handel

There will be morning prayer at 11 and evensong at 7 at St. John's church, the rector, Rev. Percival Jenks, being the preacher at both services. The musical arrangements are as follows:

MORNING.

Organ—"In the Beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth".....Haydn
Hymns 172, 210 and 30.

Organ—"Sing Unto God".....Handel

EVENING.

Organ—"Now Heaven in Fullest Splendor Shone".....Haydn
Hymns 83, 262 and 168.

Organ—"Achieved is the Glorious Work".....Haydn

In the other Episcopal churches of the city services will be held at the regular hours.

At Calvary Baptist church this morning the pastor, Rev. J. F. Vichert, M. A., will preach on "The Grace of Giving," and in the evening on "An Awakening Call." The subjects of Rev. J. G. Hastings' sermons in Emmanuel Baptist church will be: Morning, "The Christian Position in Daily Life"; evening, "A Typical Character—No. 2." Sunday school and Bible class will be held in connection with both churches at 2:30.

The pastor, Rev. J. C. Speer, will preach morning and evening at the Metropolitan Methodist church, the subject at the evening sermon being "The Great Siege." At the Centennial church, George road, Rev. Dr. Campbell will deliver the morning sermon and Rev. David Reid the evening. A meeting for the deepening of spiritual life will be held at 4 p.m. Regular services will be held in the other Methodist churches, and Sunday school and Bible class in all of them at 2:30.

The morning sermon at the First Presbyterian church will be preached by Rev. W. H. Barradough, who exchanges pulpits with Dr. Campbell. In the evening the pastor will deliver his second sermon on the Lord's Supper. At St. Paul's, Victoria West, the pastor, Rev. D. MacRae, will preach morning and evening; and at St. Andrew's the pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, will conduct both services. Sunday school and Bible class and the Y. P. S. C. E. meetings will be held at the usual hours. The order of the musical services at St. Andrew's follows:

MORNING.

Organ—"Romance".....Hollins
Psalm 19.

Anthem—"In the Fear of the Lord".....V. Roberts
Solo, Miss King.

Hymns 300, 228 and 241.

Organ—"Processional".....Salome

EVENING.

Organ—"Communion".....Grisson
Psalm 30.

Anthem—"There is a Green Hill Far Away".....Gounod
Solo, Miss Clarke.

Hymns 222 and 170.

Song—"Callist Thus, O Master".....Meitzke
Solo, Mrs. McCandless.

Organ—"March".....Mendelssohn

At the Reformed Episcopal church Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach morning and evening, and a children's service will be held at 3 p.m. The pastors of the Reformed Episcopal church invite their fellow Christians to a meeting for prayer in view of the war in South Africa, on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Services will be held in the Congregational church at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. B. James, the pastor of the First Congregational church in Port Angeles, will preach morning and evening. Sabbath school will be held at 2:30 p.m.

At the Adventist chapel, 231 Pandora avenue, two services will be conducted by Evangelist J. H. Darland as follows: "3:30 p.m., 'The New Creature'; 7:30 p.m., 'The Judgment Day.'"

A meeting for Bible study is held every Sunday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall, upstairs, at 7 o'clock, excepting the first Sunday of the month, when a lecture is given.

The subject for the lecture at the Universal Brotherhood hall, Broad street, at 8:15 this evening is "The Grandeur of Life." An afternoon class for children is held at 2:30 in the afternoon.

INFLUENZA THEORIES.

Great Britain Suffering From an Epidemic—Medical Men On Its Origin and Necessary Precautions.

While influenza has not been unusually prevalent in Canada this winter, despite the unreasonably mild weather, the epidemic has broken out in full force in England. This fact, coupled with the knowledge that past epidemics of influenza which have visited this country have made themselves felt in Europe first, is not calculated to be particularly reassuring.

Last week influenza is reported to have caused two hundred deaths in London alone. In November there were about 100 deaths in a week from influenza. In December the disease began to spread. There were sixty-nine deaths in the third week; in the fourth the total jumped up to 103, and it is feared that the worst has not come yet. General practitioners are worked off their feet.

The following is from the London Morning Leader:

According to the Registrar-General's returns the number of deaths from this mysterious disease leaped from 17 in the week ending December 2, to 316 in the week ending January 6, or take another view, the number of deaths of people over 60 years of age (those most affected) in the week ending December 2 was 44, and in the week ending December 30, 1,108.

A representative who inquired of the manager at the big nursing institution in Mandeville place, W., yesterday, was told that the strain upon his supply of nurses had been enormous. He could have sent out hundreds had he had them at his command. Applications for nurses had come in at the rate of 40 a day. "In fact," said the manager, "we have been so afraid that influenza might attack the house, and so were determined to secure a nurse before the nurse-famine set in."

The representative also saw Dr. Edmunds, medical officer for St. James's, who corroborated the reports as to the severity of the present visitation. The doctor has a curious theory about its causes. "Some 20 years ago," he says, "the island of Krakatoa was blown away by an enormous volcanic eruption and disseminated a tremendous quantity of extremely fine dust through the upper atmosphere."

"This fine dust colored the moon, the sunset and many other objects for months, and even years, so much so that the moon at the time looked distinctly blue, thus making it appear that there is something after all in the saying 'Once in a blue moon.'"

"Now, it is quite demonstrable that the matter left floating in the air may irritate the eyes, throat, mouth and nostrils, and thereby produce the condition we call influenza."

"Another cause of the disease may be the meteoric dust arriving in our atmosphere, or even the fine dust from the earth or vegetable forests. We know that the fine dust from ipecacuanha will, in some persons, predisposed to it, at once produce violent asthma, and that vegetable powders, when, which, if dropped in a ballroom and shaken about the atmosphere, produce the most violent sneezing. Important balls have often been broken up in this way."

"So it is not improbable that the dust—meteoric, terrestrial, volcanic or vegetable—may occasionally float in the atmosphere, and by affecting the breathing surface of the sensitive, produce influenza."

The doctor thinks that the sickness is thoroughly contagious, and recommends strict isolation. He was also good enough to give a prescription to all readers of the Morning Leader. Here it is:

Two grains of quinine three times a day; rest in bed or in a warm room of uniform temperature; warm drinks and very simple food.

By the way, influenza is stated to be very rare among the members of the royal household at Osborne. Several attendants have been laid up, and one of them has had to be sent back to his home at Windsor. Five of the household maids have been removed to the sanatorium.

Deaths from influenza complicated with other disease are heavier in Fulham, Kensington and Holloway than in most other districts of London, but, singularly enough, there are other districts in which illness from influenza alone is more widely prevalent.

THE EMPEROR'S FRIENDSHIP.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—During Emperor Wilhelm's visit yesterday to the British ambassador, Sir Francis Lascelles, His Majesty expressed sympathy with Great Britain and touched upon the feasibility of friendly intervention. The Kaiser also expressed his regret at the recent utterances of Duke Regent Johann Albrecht of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, to the correspondent of the Reich, adding that he had telegraphed the Duke Regent, reproving him for the indiscretion he had displayed.

CHANCE FOR LITTLE MEN.

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Tell the house-top stark and high
That the world is passing, and the moment
Deepens in the western sky."

"When the shadows round us gather
And the darkness settles fast
And each flush of life conclusive
Seems but prelude to the last,
Dreams shall lean against the wall
Fraught with presage, darkly to-night
Dreams that like the smoke shall vanish
At the coming of the light."

—J. C. Underwood in *Almslee's Magazine*.

HOW IS YOUR WIFE?

Has she lost her beauty? If so, Constipation, indigestion, sour-bellied German, with a lance wound through the muscles just above the knee joint, was brought in, howling and shivering like a sickly school girl in hysterics. He kicked up such a row and threw his arms about so, for all the world like a man in the delirium tremens, that a man in the Gardens, with one arm in a sling, threatened to bring him in with an empty beer bottle. He was lifted off the dining table and laid on the floor by some kindly disposed individuals who did not wish to see the brainling process, and was nearly right again next morning.

In contrast to the above was a Gordon Highlander who swore with a very strong Dundee accent. "This fellow has been shot by a Mauser bullet, which had passed on and killed somebody else probably. On the 'field dressing' being removed, the blood spurted out of the wounded arm like a garden spray, which caused the gallant Dundonian to ejaculate, 'Ma God!'

After getting his wound attended to he immediately tackled a plateful of bread and jam, saying apologetically, 'I hena' had anything to eat the day.'

A man with a bushy black beard and strongly marked features lay on his back in a bed in one of the side rooms. His head was bandaged up and the mattress was saturated with blood, which flowed freely from a wound in his shoulder. The writer imagined he recognized in the wounded man an old Natal friend, and said: 'Hallo, Godfrey! What's up with you?' The man looked up, with a pathetic expression on his wan, woe-begotten face, and I saw it was not Godfrey.

It turned out the man's name was Harris; but how he came to be fighting on the Boer side still remains a mystery. All he could say was, 'I've been a d—d fool.'

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GERMANY IN PEACEFUL MOOD.

Resists Attempts to Inate Hostility to Great Britain—Friendly Visits to Neighbors.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—An official of the German foreign office, who was questioned today by a correspondent of the Associated Press regarding the utterances of Duke Johann Albrecht, regent of the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, to a French newspaper man, said: "It is true Duke Albrecht received the Reich reporter, but the latter evidently greatly exaggerated the Duke's utterances. The French are doing everything possible to disturb the friendly relations between Great Britain and Germany. After Fashoda, France's most reasonable policy would have been to have established an understanding with England with regard to the colonial question, but instead of this the Paris cabinet seeks every opportunity to create enemies for England. If M. Delcasse thinks it to France's advantage systematically to agitate against England, he can do so, but he must not try to rupture Anglo-German friendship."

Referring to the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to Vienna, a foreign office official said: "The immediate object is to present himself to Emperor Francis

SHORT ROUTE FOR GRAIN.

Detroit Man Has Hopes for Air Line from Georgian Bay to Quebec.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 10.—John M. Nichol to-day admitted that he was the projector of the Quebec and Lake Huron railway air line between Georgian Bay and Atlantic tidewater. Said Mr. Nichol:

"The road would be about 461 miles in a straight line through a new and unsettled portion of Canada and would shorten the grain haul from Chicago and Duluth to the seaboard by full five hundred miles. The rail route would be about the same length as that from Buffalo to New York, saving all the lake distance between Georgian Bay and Buffalo."

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A RESTAURANT EPISODE.

A Sort of Straw Vote.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburgh restaurant.

While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets; as he himself was a regular user of the tablets he began speculating as to how many of the other travelling men in the city were also regular users of the popular remedy for indigestion.

He says: "I counted twenty-three men at the tables and in the hotel office I took the trouble to interview them and was surprised to learn that nine of the twenty-three made a practice of taking one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal."

One of them told me that he had suffered so much from stomach trouble that at one time he had been obliged to quit the road, but since using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets had been entirely free from indigestion, but he continued their use especially while travelling, on account of irregularity in meals and because like all travelling men he was often obliged to eat what he could get and not always what he wanted."

Another, who looked the picture of health, said he never ate a meal without taking Stuart's Tablets afterward because he could eat what he pleased and when he pleased, without fear of a sleepless night or any other trouble."

Still another told me that because he was subject to gas on stomach, causing pressure on heart and lungs, shortness of breath and distress in chest, which he no longer experienced since using the tablets regularly.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office.

Victoria, Feb. 10.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

An area of high pressure prevails over the southern portion of this province and the adjoining states of the Pacific Slope, being central over the Plateau region. Temperatures have been higher and cloudy weather and rainfall has been general over the districts bordering on the Straits and Sound. Light snow has also fallen at Kamloops. The prevailing winds have been westerly and fresh to high in force. The decrease of pressure continues in the Northwest, but the weather remains cold, with snow falling in the southern portion.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	43	50
New Westminster	34	46
Kamloops	22	28
Barkerville	24	32
Calgary	28	46
Winnipeg	26	4
Portland, Ore.	44	54
San Francisco	54	66

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time), Sunday:
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh westerly winds, with occasional showers.
Lower Mainland—Westerly winds; chiefly cloudy, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Reports for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

	SATURDAY, Feb. 10.	Deg.	Max.
5 a.m.	44	Mean	46
Noon	40	Highest	50
5 p.m.	47	Lowest	43

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 5 miles southeast.
Noon 20 miles west.
5 p.m. 24 miles west.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—0.4 inch.

Barometer at noon—Observed 30.214
Corrected 30.227

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 30.227

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A LAUGH.

Here I am, perched at my open easement, enjoying the laugh of some unseen miss. That comes tripping up from some room in the basement.

Just below this.

Morning, noon and night, I can hear her bubbling away with her chatter and chaff. And it seems as if all creation near her was just one laugh.

Picture her! Isn't her face just made for it—
Crimpled and curved for the laughing fit?
Could she be so solemn, d'ye think, if paid for it?
Devil a bit.

I can fancy the dimples her cheeks imprint—
ing.
And see the mouth corners upward run;
I can catch her eyes with the frolic glint—
ing.

Brinful of fun.

She must be pretty, to laugh so prettily—
Such a laugh couldn't belong to a frump;
Humorous, too, to see things wittily—
Probably plump.

There, now! She's off again. Peel upon peel of it.
Clear as a chaffin, soft as a bell.
Why, it's infectious! I'm catching the feel of it.

Chuckling as well.

What was I dreaming? That musical melody
Trips up the dais, arpeggio,
So like a voice that was hushed—Ah, well,
a-day—
Long, long ago.

Heigh-ho! To think of what little straws
tickle us,
Just a girl's laugh—and my laughing one
lies
Silent, and I—well, now this is ridiculous—
Tears in my eyes.

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The week just closed finds the position of the government unimproved—worse indeed if one may judge from the hesitation in proceeding with measures that are in any way open to controversy; while the practical accomplishments of the five parliamentary days ending with Friday's exciting scenes may be recorded in very few words. The Coal Mines Regulation bill is still in abeyance, although the government has time and again expressed determination to push it through; the liquor license law has been so amended as to partially correct the fatal blunders of last session and meet half way the well-founded agitation against its manifold unfairness that had been instituted by Messrs. Eberts, Boyle, A. W. Smith, Ellison, Col. Baker, Higgins, and others; and the government has presented a measure for the repeal of the act of 1899 excluding aliens from participation in the development of the provincial placers, a notable peculiarity of this being that it follows so closely upon the strong endorsement of the principle of exclusion contained in a memorandum from the Lieutenant-Governor to his cabinet. The only feeble explanation is put forward by Premier Selkirk in his statement that the "suggestions" contained in the memorandum referred to were not those of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, but of Mr. Thomas R. McInnes in his private capacity. As a matter of fact, this statement is contradicted by the document itself, for it is written at "Government House," expressly directed to "My Executive Council," and signed by His Honor as Lieutenant-Governor.

It may be just possible that the delay of the government in bringing to the issue its more important measures is attributable to fear of desertion by its own followers; or it may be that His Honor is waiting for a view of the delayed estimates of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year, and will refuse to sanction the unjustifiably large expenditures that are understood to be proposed, each supporter of the government taking full advantage of his power to overrule the house of cards, and asking, "the limit." There is a rather well defined understanding in the house that support is to be purchased with such appropriations as would be undreamed of by a stable government, although some are doubtful if the Lieutenant-Governor will permit the force of government by a majority of one to proceed to this expensive finale.

In no way is the failure of the present government to meet the necessities of the country more apparent than in the fact that virtually all the legislation thus far carried through has been in the direction of nullifying the hasty and injudiciously conceived laws of last session, and going back to the statutes they existed during the Turner regime. The liquor license law is a pertinent illustration. First of all, it has been so amended as to nullify the most flagrant errors of 1899, pointed out at the time of their enactment by the members of the opposition; then, finding that even their own followers were prepared to vote with the opposition for yet further reform, particularly in the direction of reducing the rural license fees to a just basis, the Finance Minister presented amendments lowering the rural fee from \$110 per annum to \$80, and introducing the following graduated scale:

"For a wholesale license, \$200, for one year, for a hotel license in a locality of upwards of 150 inhabitants, not counting Chinese, Indians and Japanese, \$200 for a year; for a hotel license in a locality of upwards of 50 and not exceeding 150, exclusive of Chinese, Japanese and Indians, \$150 per year; and for a hotel license in a locality of 50 inhabitants or less, \$80 for one year."

For a wholesale license, \$200, for one year, for a hotel license in a locality of upwards of 150 inhabitants, not counting Chinese, Indians and Japanese, \$200 for a year; for a hotel license in a locality of upwards of 50 and not exceeding 150, exclusive of Chinese, Japanese and Indians, \$150 per year; and for a hotel license in a locality of 50 inhabitants or less, \$80 for one year."

Amidst the general business of the week, the rejection of Mr. Joseph Martin's bill for the legalization of champagne took a prominent place—this being a measure in the direction of permitting legal practitioners to "go shares on speculation" with clients, on the profits of cases won, a system which it was agreed by a majority of the house would work havoc with mining and other property rights (in the titles of which expert lawyers would be able to pick flaws), result in the demoralization of the profession of the law, and put a premium upon professional blackmailing. It was on these grounds that the measure was rejected—its opponents regarding it as calculated to encourage and protract litigation.

A national and international note was sounded in the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Chilcat Pass Railway. Mr. Joseph Martin warning the government and the house against hasty chartering of northern roads, lest unintentional conflict should be occasioned with the federal policy incident to the settlement of the Alaskan boundary question. Yet another interesting debate of the unprofitable week arose upon the resolution which Capt. Irving moved, seconded by Mr. Ellison, that

"In the opinion of this house it is a menace to parliamentary institutions for the Speaker of the house to attend party caucuses."

In the course of this debate the Premier alone was prepared to acquiesce in the practice sought to be condemned, holding it to be unobjectionable and not calculated to injuriously affect the impartiality of the Speaker or the confidence in him of the united house. Even Mr. Speaker Fowler himself tacitly confessed it to be in his opinion an undesirable practice, for while he admitted that he had attended some caucuses, he also intimated that he had ceased to do so—and it was largely upon this declaration apparently that the resolution was allowed to be negatived, the principle enunciated being undoubtedly approved by the house—and in consequence with the practice in all British parliamentary bodies. In the course of the debate upon this resolution, Col. Baker took issue most emphatically with the Premier, holding that for the Speaker to attend a party caucus was not only unseemly, but in violation of the spirit if not the letter of his oath. Still another matter of principle that will of course be treated as a straight vote of censure is to be brought forward during the next few days by Mr. Martin, in a resolution which reads:

"Whereas the government has an extremely narrow majority (if any) and may at any time meet with defeat, and

the result of such defeat may mean a general election; and whereas the party which the present government purports to represent took strong grounds when in opposition against the present unfair distribution of seats; therefore be it resolved that in the opinion of this house should be brought down by the government before any other business is attempted; and that the failure of the government to take this course is much against the public interest."

Another matter of moment in and out of the house is the government's apathy in connection with the offer of British Columbia troops for South Africa. It seems not at all likely that the suggestion in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's last telegram will be accepted and the province assume the cost of sending its men through to Capetown, although the opposition was prompt in giving guarantee of its support in any such patriotic proposal. Indeed the government's enthusiasm appears to have cooled.

The story is told of a gentleman from one of the up-country ridings who visited the house last week that after seeing the sitting through he got his own member in a corner and thus expressed himself:

"Well, I'm glad I came. I wanted to get a look at this Fighting Joe Martin we've heard so much about."

"And what do you think of him?" asked the member being button-holed.

"I think he looks just about as I expected him to," was the answer. "When he came into the hall a-glaring, through those big bow glasses of his, and with that square, determined whisker of his—a-carryin' that big gold club—why you could see at a glance he was a determined man—not the kind to fool with."

Of course, all this happened before Sergeant-at-Arms O'Hara went through the big windstorm.

The private bills committee held a long session yesterday on the Vancouver City Consolidation and Revision bill, disposing of the greater portion of that extensive measure. They will continue the task on Wednesday next.

Letters from The Front.

Private Arthur Carter Near the Front at the Taking of Sunnyside.

He Received a Slight Wound in the Arm During the Engagement.

A number of letters were received yesterday from Victorians serving with the Canadian contingent in South Africa, most of them being dated Belmont January 5, and consequently must have been given quick despatch. The most interesting is undoubtedly one from Arthur Carter, who has seen some fighting and as a result is nursing a slightly wounded arm. The letter is addressed to the young soldier's brother and is as follows:

"Belmont, Jan. 5, 1900.

"I suppose by the time you receive this card you will find this state news, but still it might not be, for it is rather hard to get news so as to be able to rely upon it. Everything had been going on the same until New Year's Eve when we got orders to advance on Douglas, a small village, 40 miles from here, to attack 6,000 rebels who had a Boer laager there. We got as far as Sunnyside when our advanced guard found the enemy in large numbers in the kloof. Our numbers amounted to 500, consisting of one company of Canadians, 120; 250 Queensland Mounted Infantry, two batteries of artillery and odd numbers of different regiments. He had with us 200 transport to form a flying column. I had charge of an ammunition wagon. At 1.30 p.m. we opened fire with our 12-pounders. The fighting lasted four hours. We lost two men of the Mounted Infantry, and three wounded of the same corps, and two Canadians wounded, and you will be surprised to find that one of them was me. A slight flesh wound in the arm, nothing much, but they call me one of the wounded just the same. We took 41 Boers prisoners, 28 killed, 40 wounded. I have just got in this morning. We destroyed lots of ammunition and supplies. I will write again as soon as I can.

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Victoria Wins at Hockey

Defeated the Vancouver Team by Four Goals to Nil Yesterday.

James Bay Basketball Team Accept an Invitation to Seattle.

The second game in the championship hockey series between Victoria and Vancouver was played on the Oak Bay grounds yesterday afternoon. The teams lined up as follows:

Vancouver—Goal, Boyd; full backs, Innes and Bauer; half-backs, Boul, Smyth and Beecher; forwards, right wing, Crickmay (captain) and Tait; centre, Mahon; left wing, Murgatroyd and Ponsford.

Victoria—Goal, Jaegers; full backs, Maclean and Swinerton; half-backs, Hart, Gillespie and Austin; forwards, right wing, Tye, York; centre, Fletcher (captain); left wing, Rogers and Scholefield.

In the first half the play was fast and there were some very good combinations, but the only score was made for the home team by York. Shortly after half time Austin hurt his knee and had to retire from the game, his place being taken by Gore. After some splendid rushes on the Vancouver goal the second score was made for the Victorians by Scholefield. The third goal, also for the Victorians, was made by Tye, and the fourth and last were both by Captain Fletcher. The game was free from roughness, Austin being the only man hurt, and it was not as one-sided as score would seem to indicate, but was hard fought all the way through. For the Vancouver team Captain Crickmay, and Mahon, Boyd and Smyth played a splendid game. From the Victoria team it was hard to choose the best, but Gillespie at centre half and Scholefield and Fletcher in the forward line and Jaegers at goal did their work in splendid style. The combination work of the home team was very good, and it was owing to this that the game was won. Hart, who played for the Victorians for the first time, is an old club player, and he showed his old country training showed up to good advantage in the game yesterday. After the game the Ladies' Hockey Club gave the players of both teams afternoon tea. Mr. Ray Rome was the referee and he was ably assisted by P. Austin and A. A. Vernon as touch judges, and J. A. McFavish and W. W. Beridge, who acted as umpires.

The ladies' Hockey Club are practising preparatory to going over to Vancouver on the 24th.

The next game in the championship series will probably be played on the Brocton Point ground, Vancouver, on April 14.

BASKET BALL.

Will Go to Seattle.

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